

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action dated November 10, 2008, claims 27-38 and 40 were rejected and claim 39 was objected to.

Amendment to Claims

Please cancel claims 27-38 without prejudice. Applicants wish to cancel such claims in order to expedite processing of the application to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims in a continuation or other application.

Please amend claim 39 as shown above.

Rejection of Claims 27 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, claims 27 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 5,654,588 ("Dasse"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

However, Applicants have canceled claims 27 and 40 in order to expedite the processing of the present application to allowance. Therefore, the rejection of such claims is moot.

Rejection of Claims 28-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, claims 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,654,588 ("Dasse") in view of U.S. patent 5,701,666 ("DeHaven") further in view of U.S. Patent 6,377,471 ("Chong"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

However, Applicants have canceled claims 28-29 in order to expedite the processing of the present application to allowance. Therefore, the rejection of such claims is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claim 39 was objected to as being independent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have written claim 39 in independent form. Thus, such claim is allowable according to the Office Action, and allowance thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 1008-743.301).

Respectfully submitted,

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